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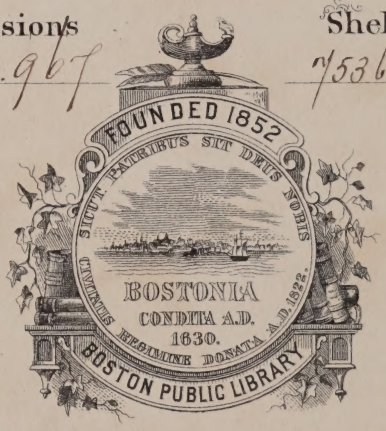

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THE BOSTON SCHOOL FOR THE MINISTRY, was established Oct. 10th, 1867. Its special object is to afford a thorough Theological training to that large class of young men, who are not able to pursue the course at Cambridge or Meadville, on account of educational or financial disability.

The gentlemen who have charge of the institution are convinced that there are young men in every community who are earnestly desirous of engaging in the sacred work of the Christian ministry, and who will after the necessary training, help to introduce into our body those earnest and practical elements, the lack of which we so constantly feel.

Any young man who has a good common school education, who satisfies the committee of his deliberate and earnest purpose to devote his life to the work of the Lord, and who seems to have the intellectual and spiritual elements out of which the minister of Christ is made, will be received into the school, and arrangements made by which he will be enabled to go through a course of instruction, in many respects superior to that of any other Theological school, and at the end of his term of study, stand free of all indebtedness on account of his preparation.

The full course will occupy three years. The Junior year will be passed chiefly in English preparatory studies, Grammar, Ancient and Modern History and Geography, Logic, Rhetoric, Moral Philosophy and Elocution.

Gentlemen who show sufficient knowledge of these subjects, will be admitted to the Middle Class, whose studies consist of Ecclesiastical History, Natural Religion, the Evidences of Christianity, the Criticism and Interpretation of the Scriptures, Elocution, and Extempore Speaking.

The course for the Senior Class consists of Systematic Theology, Church History and Church Polity, the Duties of the Pastoral Office, and the Composition and Delivery of Sermons.

If a gentleman enters the Junior Class, he holds himself indebted to the institution for his board during the first term of eight months.

During the summer vacation a suitable situation will be found where his services can be made remunerative. All such moneys, after those expenses that are absolutely necessary are deducted, will accrue to the school. This of course pays his indebtedness only in part. In the latter part of the second year, he is permitted to preach, provided he proves able to do so, and thus not only pays all current expenses, but in addition all arrearages.

During the Senior year, he preaches most of the time, and so pays all current expenses due to the school, and provides himself with a small library with which to begin his work.

Thus a young man of consecrated purpose, who is deterred from going to other Theological schools by lack of means, is enabled to get a thorough training, and at the end of the course stand free from debts, which have harrassed and burdened so many.

While special attention is paid to Spiritual culture, the means for intellectual development, are by no means inferior to those of the best schools of the country.

An opportunity is freely given to study the Ancient and Modern Languages, and excellent professors have offered their services in these departments.

One of the main merits of the school, however, consists in the opportunity afforded every student of becoming familiar with practical parish work. He is permitted to enter the study of some minister who becomes his friend and guide in all those perplexities which befall a young man who is pursuing a severe course of reading. He is required to visit the poor and the sick, that he may learn the great religious wants of mankind, and offer the consolations of our blessed christianity. And so when he graduates, he has already learned from experience the nature and the methods of the great work to which he has consecrated his life.

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SENIOR CLASS.

ADKINSON, IRWIN D., A. B.; Moorfield, Indiana.
CRAM, WILLIAM A., Hampton Falls, N. H.
HAMILTON, WILLIAM, A. B.; White Pigeon, Michigan.
LINDSLEY, D. P. Brighton, Mass.

MIDDLE CLASS.

BATES, HARVEY COLTON, Northfield, Vt.
CARGILL, HENRY LORENZO, Roxbury, Mass.
COLLINS, JAMES, Mossley, England.
HATHAWAY, CLARENCE LOCKWOOD, Montpelier, Vt.
HAYDEN, CHARLES ADELBERT, Chicago, Ill.
HOLDER, WILLIAM CHANNING, Lynn, Mass.
LEPPER, ADAM HAMILTON, Glasgow, Scotland.
LOVELL, FRED. FREMONT, Barnstable, Mass.
TODD, WILLIAM G. Boxford, Mass.
UNDERHILL, WILLIAM MOTTE, Janesville, Wis.
WEBBER, FRED. WM. DUCHEMIN, Charlestown, Mass.
WHEELER, HENRY W. Boston, Mass.

JUNIOR CLASS.

CLARK, HOBART, Melrose, Mass.
CLIFFORD, JOHN HEBERT, Brookfield, Mass.
GANZHORN, WILLIAM, Peterboro, N. H.
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BOSTON, MARCH 20, 1868.

MY DEAR SIR:

I send you herewith a Plan and Catalogue of the BOSTON SCHOOL FOR THE MINISTRY. I believe that you will regard this movement as one of the utmost importance. For years we have heard the cry for more ministers. The Secretary of the A. U. A., tells us that there are villages in New England by the score, where an earnest man would find a promising opening; where the people, dissatisfied with the rigidity and want of personal freedom which too frequently characterize the church, are eager for those views of christianity which are peculiar to the Unitarian Body. He tells us, further, that there are openings in the great West for more good ministers than we can possibly educate under the most favorable circumstances.

It is evident that the providential time is at hand when we shall be called upon to do a work very much larger than anything heretofore contemplated. The opportunities offered are numberless. If we only had the true hearted men, the men of earnest purpose, who would become missionaries to scatter our literature and spread our doctrines, we feel well assured that the too narrow limits of our denomination would give way at once, while our churches would gain in enthusiasm and in numbers all over the land.

Feeling all this, and anxious to supply the terrible deficiency, a notice was put in the Christian Register last June, asking young men who were ready to devote their lives to the service of the Lord, to correspond with the undersigned. To our surprise and delight we received in the course of twelve weeks, *more than one hundred applications*. From this number we selected only fourteen with which to begin the work. We found, however, that we could not restrict ourselves to so small a number, and so enlarging our quarters, we received into our two houses, twenty-two students. Some are graduates of colleges, but most of them have only a common school education. The prospect is certainly promising enough to cheer the most exacting. We firmly believe that in the course of a few years we can put into the field good and true men enough to materially affect the size of our denomination.

It is impossible to make the School self-supporting at once, and so we are compelled to depend on the sympathy of our friends for the necessary funds. A number of the young men in the Senior and Middle Classes preach a part of the time, and so turn into the treasury of the school a considerable sum. But this revenue is of course quite insufficient to defray our expenses.

As Treasurer, I am now very anxious to raise funds enough to insure the payment of the current expenses for the first year, which will be about six thousand dollars. If you can find it in your heart to send me a check for any amount, large or small, which your sympathy and means will suggest, you will, I am well assured, help on a noble work.

I am, yours in Christ,

GEORGE H. HEPWORTH,

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